



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police

Date: 8/19/2019 ***UPDATE***

Crimes Against Persons Bureau / Homicide Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 6/6/2019

Time: 12:32 a.m.

Location of Offense/Incident: 40 West Welch Avenue - Apt C

Zone: 2

Precinct: 13

Incident Report #: 190456435

Cruiser District: 130

Victim: Shamyia Saultz

Sex: Female

Race: Black

Age: 15

Victim: Juvenile Identity Withheld

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 14

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Sirrae Smith

Address: 857 E. Dublin-Granville Road

43229

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 16

Charges: Reckless Homicide (2903.041) & (3) additional charges

Suspect: Jaiden Mitchell

Address: 232 Beechnut St. Pickerington

43147

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 14

Charges: Grand Theft - Firearm (2913.02 A-1) & (1) additional charge

Incident Summary: On Thursday, June 6, 2019 at approximately 12:32 a.m., Columbus Police Officers were summoned to 40 West Welch Avenue Apt. C on the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, Officers found both above listed victims, suffering from gunshot wounds. Both victims were transported to Grant Medical Center; the male victim was transported in stable condition whereas the female victim was transported in critical - life threatening condition. Initial witness accounts pointed to a single, unknown suspect, wearing all black who entered the residence and opened fire on a gathering of family and friends at the residence, striking the two victims. At 3:52 a.m., Shamyia Saultz succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at Grant Medical by attending physicians.

*****UPDATE***:** Investigation revealed this shooting was the result, not of an unknown intruder, but of an accident due to teens playing with a loaded firearm that was obtained illegally and brought to the residence that evening. Several charges were brought against (2) of the teens though consultation with the Juvenile Prosecutors Office. The investigation continues.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call the Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS.

This is the 49th Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2019. Incident #190456435.

Detective Harold Conley II is the lead detective on the case being assisted by Det. Robert Powers.

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